National Sports Policy

3960. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Policy on Sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action plan in the policy to regain past glory in hockey, cricket, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Sports Policy, 2001 focuses on "Board-basing of Sports" and "Achieving Excellence in Sports" through various strategies such as creation of sports infrastructure, specialized training to talented sportspersons, financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federation, awards and monetary incentives to outstanding sportspersons, scientific and technical support, and encouraging Public Private Partnership in the development of sports in the country.

(c) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports have been directed to prepare a "Comprehensive Sports Policy". In doing so, the Ministry will be addressing both the successes and shortcomings of the concept and implementation of the National Sports Policy, 2001.

Vacant posts of co-ordinators in NYK

3961. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the posts of co-ordinators are vacant in Nehru Yuva Kendras;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and

(c) the future course of plan to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As against 311 posts of Youth Coordinators (YC) sanctioned in 1987, the Sangathan has expanded its activities to 500 districts in 2003. As on date, 172 posts of YCs are lying vacant.